

We claim:

1. The use of a film coating consisting of
 - a) polyvinyl acetate
 - b) hydrophilic additives
 - c) other conventional coating ingredients
 - d) and, where appropriate, a physiologically tolerated acid
- as taste-masking coating for oral dosage forms.
2. The use of a film coating as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic additives are selected from the group of film-forming water-soluble polymers and/or from the group of water-insoluble but swelling polymers and/or from the group of very fine-particle dusting agents.
3. The use of a film coating as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2, wherein the film-forming water-soluble polymers are selected from the group of poly(vinyl lactams), vinylpyrrolidone/vinyl acetate copolymers, polyvinyl alcohols or cellulose derivatives, as water-insoluble but highly swelling polymers crosslinked poly(vinyl lactams), cellulose or cellulose derivatives or starch derivatives and as fine-particle dusting agents highly disperse silicas, fine-particle starches, fine-particle celluloses or fine-particle salts of phosphoric acid.
4. The use of the film coating as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the ratio by weight amounts to
 - a) 50 to 90% polyvinyl acetate
 - b) 10 to 75% hydrophilic additives
 - c) 0 to 20% other conventional coating ingredients
 - d) and, where appropriate, 0 to 30% of a physiologically tolerated acid.
5. The use of the film coating as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the ratio by weight of the coating material a : b is from 1 : 0.1 to 1 : 0.75.
6. The use of the film coating as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the taste-masking coating comprises 5 to 25% by weight based on the total weight of the coated shaped articles.

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7. An oral dosage form with an active ingredient-containing core and a taste-masking coating consisting of
- 5 a) polyvinyl acetate
 b) hydrophilic additives
 c) other conventional coating ingredients
 d) and, where appropriate, a physiologically tolerated acid or base.
- 10 8. An oral dosage form as claimed in claim 7, which comprises the following substances based on the weight of the core
- a) 30 to 98% active ingredient
 b) 2 to 70% binder
15 c) 0.1 to 5.0% emulsifier and, where appropriate,
 d) 2 to 30% disintegrant
 e) and, where appropriate, 0 to 20% of a physiologically tolerated acid or base.
- 20 9. An oral dosage form as claimed in either of claims 7 or 8, which comprises as active ingredients food supplements or additives, vitamins, minerals or trace elements or active pharmaceutical ingredients.
- 25 10. An oral dosage form as claimed in any of claims 7 to 9, which comprises active pharmaceutical ingredients as active ingredients.
- 30 11. An oral dosage form as claimed in either of claims 7 or 10, which comprises as active ingredient acetaminophen, ibuprofen, naproxen, chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, acetylsalicylic acid, loperamide, pseudoephedrine, diphenhydramine, famotidine, cimetidine, ranitidine, nizatidine, salts or combinations thereof.
- 35 12. A taste-masked oral dosage form obtainable by compression of at least one preparation as claimed in claims 7 to 11 with conventional tablet excipients.
- 40 13. A taste-masked oral dosage form as claimed in claim 12, wherein from 0 to 40% of a physiologically tolerated acid or base are added to the tablet mixture.
- 45 14. A process for producing a taste-masked oral dosage form comprising the steps

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- a) production of medicinal substance-containing shaped articles from active ingredient, binder, disintegrant and emulsifier,
- b) coating of medicinal substance-containing shaped articles with the film coating as claimed in claim 1 and
- c) compression of the coated medicinal substance with conventional tablet excipients.

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